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Title: Need to provide adequate budgetary allocation for the proposed Subarna Rekha Barrage Project in West Bengal.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): The proposed Subarna Rekha Barrage Project is one of the most important mega projects in West Bengal. The command area of this project would be 130014 hectares of which 99248 hectares would be in Kharif and rest 30766 hectares would be in Rabi season. It would cover large parts of both East & West Medinipur districts. It has got all kind of clearance from every quarters. The foundation stone was laid in 1992. The West Bengal State Government has allocated fund for its initial infrastructure works of which construction of office buildings, roads have been made. The State Government has taken initiatives for land acquisition and announced the package for rehabilitation of the displaced. It is observed that due to cost-escalation, Rs 1615 crore is required for the project of which 90% would be borne by the Union Government. I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to make adequate budgetary allocation in this regard so that the main work of this long pending Project gets started expeditiously.